

In addition to his exemplary business savvy, Walter was recognized for his sharp intuition and diplomacy skills, and ultimately served as an adviser to three Presidents. President Lyndon Johnson appointed him to serve as an adviser on trade negotiations. President Jimmy Carter appointed Walter to the U.S. delegation that led peace talks between Israel and Egypt in 1978, and to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. During the Clinton administration, Walter was appointed to serve on the board of directors of the Corporation for National Service and the U.S. Commerce Department Industry Policy Advisory Committee. In 1999, President Clinton presented Walter with the Democratic National Committee's Lifetime Achievement Award for his active service and commitment to the Democratic Party.

Later in life, Walter began donating both his time and money to laudable civic efforts. In 1975, he led a group that placed 2,000 Vietnamese orphans in loving homes in the United States. In 1993, he played a pivotal role in preventing the San Francisco Giants from moving to Florida. A lifelong advocate for education, Walter contributed heavily to several prestigious educational programs and institutes. Along with his wife, he founded the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, named for his talented daughter who lost her life to cancer in 1985. Walter also funded programs at Stanford University's Asia-Pacific Research Center and the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

Walter stood out as a driven entrepreneur who cared deeply for his community. He will be remembered by his friends and colleagues not only for his business savvy, but also for his tremendous sense of civic responsibility. His vision and hard work greatly shaped and influenced the city of San Francisco, and his civic contributions and leadership skills improved our Nation.

Walter is survived by his son Douglas; his daughter Carole Shorenstein Hays; and his six grandchildren. My thoughts are with Walter's family at this difficult time.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES KIMPEL

● Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, today I honor Dr. James Kimpel who has served our government for the last 13 years as director of the NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory, NSSL, in Norman, OK.

Dr. Kimpel held the position of director, where he oversaw research in weather radar, technology transfer from research to applications, and forecast and warning improvements. The activities that Dr. Kimpel coordinated at NSSL helped save lives and property throughout the United States. During his tenure at the lab he provided the

United States with devoted and visionary leadership.

Through research and development during his 13 years as director, NSSL finished development of a Doppler weather radar technology that led to the birth of the national NEXRAD network, which consists of more than 150 radar systems. The NEXRAD network was also upgraded from proprietary to open systems, which enabled dual-polarization upgrades. These technological advancements will greatly increase precision when it comes to estimates of rainfall, delineation of rain from snow, and provide a more exact estimate of hail size. Since its installation, the NEXRAD program has reduced tornado related deaths by 45 percent and reduced personal injuries by 40 percent.

Under the leadership of Dr. Kimpel, radar-based rainfall analyses were created to improve flash flood and river forecasting. He was also a key player in sparking interest and support for new facilities for NSSL that led to the construction of the National Weather Center building, which is shared by the National Weather Service and the meteorology enterprise at the University of Oklahoma.

During Dr. Kimpel's watch as the director, NSSL scientists had over 600 archival, refereed journals published, were granted three patents and participated in four cooperative research and development agreements with private companies. He also played a large role while at the University of Oklahoma as a full professor, dean of the College of Geosciences, provost, and senior vice president of the Norman campus.

Dr. Kimpel's service to our country goes far beyond the NSSL. As a member of the U.S. Air Force, he served in Vietnam and earned the Bronze Star Medal for his acts of courage and valor. He was also elected president of the American Meteorological Society, received the University of Oklahoma Regents Alumni Award, and received the Presidential Rank Award-Meritorious Executive. He is a well-respected academic, researcher, and mentor. He is also the proud father of five children and a grandfather to two grandchildren.

I give my highest regard to Dr. Kimpel and wish him the best. He has contributed much not only to the State of Oklahoma, but to the United States. The achievements and service of Dr. James F. Kimpel are worthy of celebration and commendation.●

RECOGNIZING THE PINK ANGELS

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the dedication and tireless efforts of a group of approximately 50 men and women from the North Shore of Massachusetts called the Pink Angels. Formed in January 2005 as a group with the common goal of finding a cure for breast cancer, they have completed the Boston 3-Day Cancer Walk every year since.

They are survivors, daughters, wives, husbands, sisters, brothers and friends of people stricken with breast cancer. When they first met, they were strangers simply sharing their experience with the disease and now they have become lifelong friends. They began training together that year in February, sharing stories and some tears, creating a bond that holds a reservoir of strength, determination and hope. Their mutual support of one another during the training, the fundraising and ultimately the 60-mile route allowed each of them to begin a transformation from victim to warrior. Each has a different story that brought them to the group but together they created a unity of purpose signified by their crossing of the finish line as a group.

Since 2005, the Pink Angels walk around the city of Boston every year. Many team members have also walked in Arizona, Cleveland, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. In May 2009, under the leadership of Joanne Seneta and Hilda Santos, they achieved a significant milestone by raising more than \$1 million.

On July 23 in Framingham, MA, the Pink Angels will take flight again and on the 25th in Boston they will again cross the finish line as a group. I would like to thank them for their commitment to help find a cure for breast cancer.●

RECOGNIZING THE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN THEATER FESTIVAL

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I congratulate and commend the Contemporary American Theater Festival, CATF, in Shepherdstown, WV, on its 20th season which began this past weekend on July 9. This renowned festival, presented in partnership with Shepherd University, is an extraordinary event that runs for several weeks each summer, bringing thousands of people to our beautiful State and highlighting Shepherdstown's arts community.

More than two decades ago, Ed Herendeen had a dream of producing new works in theater, so he came to Shepherdstown and did just that. He had the vision and dedication to start and nurture this festival. And under Ed's leadership, the theater festival continues to produce and develop new American theater that not only examines current events and reflects on national trends but also serves as a haven for contemporary playwrights. This year, as it does every year, the festival confronts bold and controversial issues to prod the audience and explore new ideas. Since its first season in 1991, CATF has produced 80 new American plays and 30 world premieres.

A recent National Public Radio story described what the festival has meant to the artists and the community:

The Contemporary American Theater Festival at Shepherd University in